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SUBJECT: TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING ON MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

Q: URUGUAYANS, IN THEIR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON, SAID THEY WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO RESTORE MR. MITRIONE TO FREEDOM. SUBSEQUENTLY, THEY DECIDED TO REJECT DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY?

A: WELL, ONLY TO SAY THAT IN CONTACTS WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES, IT HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT GOVERNMENT THERE IS UTILIZING ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO HOPEFULLY BRING ABOUT RELEASE AND SAFE RETURN OF MR. MITRIONE. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT HIS WELFARE, AND HOPE FOR HIS RETURN.

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